Auction of Toddy.

48 * **Mr. E. K. Kuriyppe :** Will the Government be pleased to state whether the toddy shops in the Piravom, Kothamangalam and Muvattupuzha Excise Ranges were auctioned in 1114 and 1115 for greater amounts as compared to those of 1112 and 1113 ?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan : Yes. The total bid amount for the three Ranges in 1114-1115 contract was higher than in the 1112-1113 contract.

Lorry drivers in the Cochin Munnar line.

49. * **Mr. E. K. Kuriyppe :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the names of persons appointed as lorry drivers in the Cochin-Munnar Transport Lorry service, from the places along which the above lorries pass ; and

(*b*) the number of persons from those who have long experience as drivers in the above line that has been appointed, the names of such persons, and the posts to which they have been appointed ?

Mr. K. Sankaran (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) 1, P. V. Manuel
2. P. I. Thomas
3. N. D. Raju
4. P. V. Mohamed
5. S. Parameswaran Pillai
6. K. T. Abraham
7. K. Sankunny
8. V. K. Kumaran
9. Ouseph
10. M Uthup
11. V. A. Kuttappan
12. Pylee
13. J. John

(*b*) (i) 13
(ii) *Vide* answer to part (a)
(iii) Reserve staff.

Reservation of compartment in buses for Anchal and Tapal articles.

50. * **Mr E. K. Kuriyppe :** Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any rule that a separate compartment should be set apart for keeping Anchal and Tapal articles in the buses carrying them ?

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Khan Bahadur G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy : There is no rule ; but one of the conditions of the contract for the conveyance of mails in buses is that an enclosed space measuring not less than 4ft. by 3ft. should be provided in the buses for keeping the mails.

Accidents due to drivers' inexperience.

51. *** Mr. E. K. Kuriyppe :** Will the Government be pleased to state whether several accidents take place owing to want of experience on the part of the drivers of Government lorries in the Alwaye-Munnar line ?

Mr. K. Sankaran : No.

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